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The Severing Crime Edge

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cut01



I PROBABLY
LOOK JUST
LIKE A MUR-
DERER.

BUT,
AAA...

SANPI

SANPI

I JUST
WANT TO
CUT HER
TO
PIECES...

...WITH
MY
OWN
HANDS...



I'D
ATTACK
ANYONE
WHO GOT
IN OUR
WAY.

AAA,
BUT
...

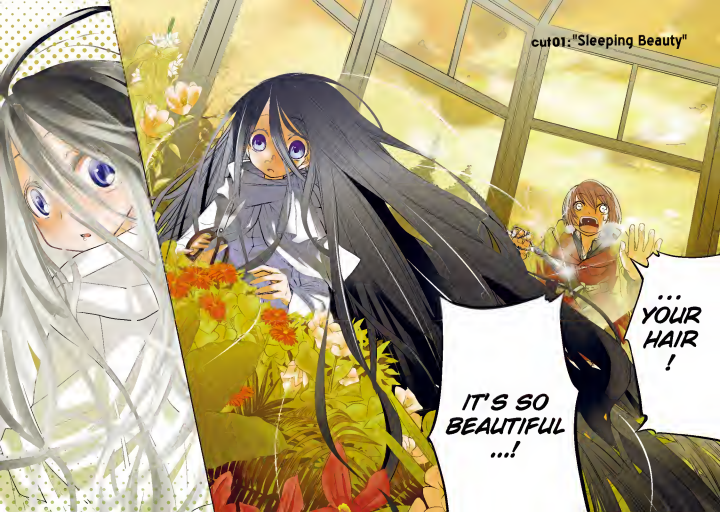
...MY
FEELINGS
CAN'T, AND
SHOULDN'T
TOUCH
HER.

THEY
SHOULD
REMAIN
A
FANTASY.

...THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT
MORE
THAN
ANYTHING.



cut01: "Sleeping Beauty"



IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL
...!

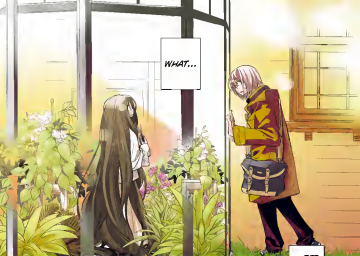
...
YOUR
HAIR
!

cut01: "Sleeping Beauty"

...
**YOUR
HAIR
!**

**IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL
...!**





WM...
I
MEAN...

AH...

...
JUST
NOW?



WH--
WH--

WHA-
AAAA
?!?!
...

CRACK

WHAT
I
MEAN
IS...!
!!



MY
NAME IS
KIRI
HAMURA.



I
ACCIDENTLY
GOT OFF AT
THE WRONG
STOP ON
THE WAY
HOME FROM
SCHOOL...

"...IN
THE OLD
WHITE
MANSION
...
THERE'S
A GHOST
OF A
GIRL WITH
LONG
HAIR."

"BEHIND
THE BUS
STOP
NEAR
THE
FOREST..."



...AND I
HAPPENED
TO
REMEMBER
THOSE
RUMORS.



...THOUGH
THERE
WAS NO
GHOST...

THE
RUMORS
WERE
TRUE.





SCISSORS...

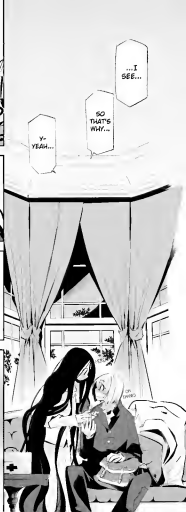


PLEASE
BELIEVE
ME.

I
HAVEN'T
BROUGHT
THEM OUT
IN FRONT
OF OTHERS
FOR AGES
NOW.

I
DIDN'T
MEAN TO
BRING
THEM OUT.





WHAT!

...I
WOULD
LET
YOU
CUT MY
HAIR...

HAH

BUT...

I...
UM...

REALLY?
REALLY?

UH.

R-
REALLY?!

AAA-
AHT?

HUH?

WHHA

BUT...
BUT...

**IT
CAN'T
BE
CUT!!!**

HUH?









IWAI
MEANS
'CELE-
BRATION.'
IRONIC,
ISN'T
IT...?

MY
NAME IS
IWAI
MUSHANO-
KOJI.





OH?

WHAT

...

...IS
THAT?

I WAS GETTING A
BAND-AID...
HE HURT
HIMSELF IN
THE GREEN-
HOUSE...

OH!
MR. BYON-
ZAKA.

OUR
SCHOOL...

W

WHY?
WHY?

GRAB

STRANG-
ERS AREN'T
WELCOME
HERE.

WHAT
A
PAIN...

MY
SISTER
AND I
WILL BE
GOING
HOME.

...I
LEFT
YOU
SOME
HOUSE-
HOLD
SUP-
PLIES.

U-
UM...

THAT
MAN
DIDN'T
DO
ANY-
THING

WOW
WOW



...AH...

WE.
ARE.

GOING.
HOME.



AH!

HUH?
GO
GET IT
THEM.

HEY...
MY
COAT...



UWA.

...KIRI!

LISTEN
CLOSELY!



...
LIM...



THAT
WAS
RIDE!

...
WHAT'S
WITH
THEM!



THOSE
PEOPLE...

...ARE
MURDER-
ERS!

HUH?

THEY'RE
PART OF A
TERRIFYING
ORGANI-
ZATION...
AND
THEY'RE
KEEPING
WATCH
OVER ME!

BUT
THEY
HAVE THE
TOOLS
PASSED
DOWN BY
THEIR
ANCES-
TORS!

WELL
TO BE
EXACT...
THEY'RE
DESCEND-
ED FROM
MURDER-
ERS.



THAT
GIRL IS
CURSED.

YOU
SAW
HER
HAIR,
RIGHT?

HA
HA
HA.

YOU'LL
DIE TOO IF
YOU GET
TOO
CLOSE TO
HER...

THAT...

MAKES
ME
SICK...

HUH
...?

...
SLURPED-
UP.



... "LET
ME CUT
YOUR
HAIR!"

THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT THEY
USED TO
CALL ME
WHEN I
WOULDN'T
STOP
ASKING...



IT'S
FOR
THE
HAIR!

MY
GRAND-
FATHER
DOESN'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT.



I
JUST...
FELL
DOWN.

HMM?

OH.

OH? KIRI,
WHAT'S
WITH THE
BAND-
AID?





SHE'S
THE
ONLY
ONE
FOR
ME!!

I
HAVE
IWA!!

...NO!
I WON'T
STRAY
ANY
LONGER!

WHOA
YEAH!



AH,
SORRY

HEY
KID,
SHUT
UP.

I
CAN'T
CLUT
HER
HAIR,
BUT...?

...THOUGH
I CAN'T
CLUT HER
HAIR.





HAIR!

IT'S A
GIRL'S...

...LIFE!



ALL IT
MEANS
IS I'VE
BECOME
MORE
MATURE.

WOW,
THAT WAS
CONDE-
SCENDING.



IT WAS FUN
MAKING
YOU
SQUIRM
WHEN WE
MENTIONED
HAIR.

HAH.



YOU'RE
NOT
INTO
IT,
HAI-
MURA.



THAT'S
TRUE.
WHAT
OF IT?

YEAH...



MAYBE...

KILLED SOME-
ONE
BEFORE
...

...
LOOKS
LIKE
SHE'S...

OH
JUST...
SHE...

UGH.

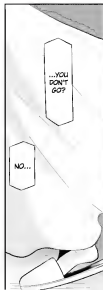
BYOH-
ZAKA
FROM
THE
CLASS
OVER
ASKED
ME
ABOUT
HAIMURA.

WHAT?
THAT'S
THE
FIRST
TIME
I'VE
HEARD
OF IT.

I GUESS
THINGS
CHANGE
WHEN
YOU
BECOME
POPULAR
WITH
GIRLS.

UGH
...

WHY
"UGH"?



...YOU
DON'T
GO?

NO...



...
SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN.

SCHOOL.





PEOPLE
MADE
FUN OF
ME...

AND
THEN...
WELL,
MY
HAIR.

ONLY
FOR THE
FIRST FEW
YEARS OF
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL...



...I
SEE...



JUST
A
DREAM.

BUT...
IT'S A
DREAM.



WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT A
NEW
SWEETS
SHOP THAT
OPENED, OR
ABOUT A
COOL
CELEBRITY.

I DREAM
THAT I
HAVE
NORMAL
HAIR AND
I'M
TALKING
TO FRIENDS
AT SCHOOL.

SOME-
TIMES...
I
DREAM.



... YES...

... YOU WANT YOUR HAIR CUT?

... BUT I GUESS ...



...OH.



...IF MY HAIR WAS MY LIFE...

...I'D JUST WANT SOMEONE TO KILL ME.



...BUT ISN'T A GIRL'S HAIR... HER LIFE?

A-
HAHA.
IF YOU'RE MEANING TO GROW IT OUT, I GUESS SO.

BUT MINE HAS JUST GOTTEN LONG.





YOU
KNOW...
I'M
WARNING
YOU FOR
YOUR
OWN
SAKE.

NOTHING
GOOD
COMES OF
BEING
WITH
HER...

SHWAP



... YOU
AGAIN...



...
I...
...
DON'T
LIKE
YOU.



...I'VE
TOLD
YOU.

HER
DAD... IS
ALREADY
DEAD.



MY...

...
FATHER
...





...
KILLING
??

MUR-
DER?

...?

WITH
YOUR
KILLING
TOOLS.

DIDN'T
YOU
MURDER
HIM?



...
NO...!

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I...

HE'S
JUST
THERE
TO TAKE
YOUR
FATHER'S
PLACE.

YOU'RE
QUICK
TO
ADAPT,
AREN'T
YOU?

OWHH,
I SEE.
I GET
IT.





...
CARRY
YOUR
BURDEN
FOR
YOU.

DON'T
MAKE
OTHERS

...

HAIR
QUEEN.



WH...!

...AND
YOU...



...
NOTHING
YOU
CAN
DO.

THERE
IS
NOTHING
YOU
SHOULD
DO.

KIRI
HAMURA.



...HAVE
TO
FIGHT
US.

...
YOU
WILL
...

...IF
YOU
STILL
TRY TO
INTER-
VENE...

BUT
...



WHAT...

... CAN
I DO?

I'M
JUST
SOMEONE
WHO
CAN'T CUT
HER HAIR.





IS THIS ABOUT YOUR NAME?

... COULD THIS BE...

HUH?



... KIRI...



SHUT UP!

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

HEY? WHAT'S GOING ON, KIRI? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT FROM TETSU-SHIRO ...?

OH... IT ISN'T?

I HAVEN'T CALLED MY FATHER IN A WHILE

UH...

... SO WHAT ABOUT IT, GRANDPA?

HEY!

...



...WAS A
MURDERER.
A SLASHER.

ONE OF
OUR
ANCESTORS
...



I
WON'T
GET
HURT
OR
DE-
PRESSED!

JUST
TELL
ME!



I WAS
JUST
WORRIED
THAT
YOU'D BE
HURT
WHEN
YOU
LEARNED
...

...I'M
NOT
SAYING
YOUR
NAME IS
BAD.



WHAT?

...
NAME?
WHAT'S
HIS
NAME?



THIS.



A
FAMOUS
PSY-
CHOTIC
KILLER...

THERE
WAS A
MOVIE
ABOUT
HIM,
TOO.

...I'VE
HEARD
OF HIM
BEFORE.

...THERE ARE
DIFFERENT
THEORIES ON
THE TOOL HE
USED, BUT
THE MOST
COMMONLY
MENTIONED
WAS...

HE "CUT
THEM."
"SEVERED
THEM."

BROUGHT
PEOPLE
INTO A
BASEMENT
DUBBED
THE
OPERATING
ROOM.

...
HE...

A
SMALL
...

...
SER-
RATED
...

...PAIR
OF
SCIS-
SORS...



I'D
JUST
WANT
SOME-
ONE TO
KILL
ME.

...
IF MY
HAIR
WAS
MY
LIFE...

...TOOLS
OF
MURDER
PASSED
DOWN
FROM
THEIR
ANCE-
STORS...





...
WOULD
JUST
BE BY
MY
SIDE...

BUT
EVEN
THEN,
IF
SOME-
ONE...

...
THEN I,
I...





DO YOU REMEMBER...
WHAT YOU SAID
THIS AFTER-
NOON?

THAT'S
NOT IT.



...IF
IT'S YOU,
KIRI...
...
... THEN I
DON'T MIND
BEING
KILLED...



I'VE
COME...
TO KILL
YOU...

YEAH...



I WAS...
LOOKING
AT THE
MOON.

I HAD
THE
FEELING
THAT...
SOMEONE
WAS
COMING
TO KILL
ME.



MY
CURSED
HAIR.

IT'S
HAIR
THAT
CAN'T
BE
KILLED.

THE
HAIR
WILL
NEVER
DIE.

YOU
CAN'T
CUT
MY
HAIR.

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.



...THIS
IS
CURSED
AS
WELL.

...
MAYBE...



I
HAVEN'T
TRIED
YET...
WITH
THIS
PAIR.

...IT
MADE
ME
THINK...

REMEMBER
WHAT
YOU
TOLD
ME,
IWAII?

ABOUT
THE
TOOLS
OF
THOSE
MURDERERS.



LET ME
CLUT
YOUR
HAIR.





...THE
HAIR.

...GOD.

PLEASE,
GOD.



IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.

WAIT...
IS IT
STRANGE
TO PRAY
TO GOD
IF IT'S
CURSED?



AS
LONG
AS IT
WORKS.



PLEASE
....!





...I
CUT
IT.

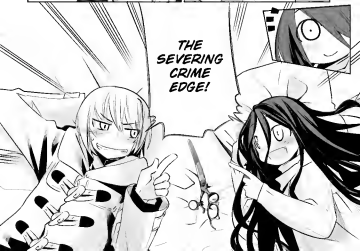
SEE...?
IT'S
CUT.

I
CUT
YOUR
HAIR.

CAN
YOU
TELL?











LET'S
DO
THAT...!

OHI
SURE!

WELL,
IT'S
BEEN
REALLY
LONG
FOR A
LONG
TIME...
SO DO
YOU
WANT TO
MAKE IT
REALLY
SHORT?

UMM...
WELL...
HMMM...

OH
UM...
UH...
WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK,
KIRI?

WHAT
KIND
OF
HAIR
STYLE
DO
YOU
WANT?



WHAT
KIND
OF
HAIR
STYLE
DO
YOU
WANT?

OH
UM...
UH...
WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK,
KIRI?

UMM...
WELL...
HMMM...

WELL,
IT'S
BEEN
REALLY
LONG
FOR A
LONG
TIME...
SO DO
YOU
WANT TO
MAKE IT
REALLY
SHORT?

OH!
SURE!

LET'S
DO
THAT...!





THE SEVERING CRIME EDGE

cut02



IT CUT
CLEANLY.

IT CUT
EASILY.



HER HAIR
FELL TO
THE
FLOOR
LIKE A
POOL OF
BLOOD.



I'M
GOING TO
CUT HER
HAIR.
I'M
GOING
TO BE BY
HER
SIDE.

I'M NOT
LETTING
ANYONE
GET
BETWEEN
US.



WITH
THESE
SMALL
SCISSORS,
I WILL
PROTECT
HER.

cut02: "Portrait of Heresy"

THIS IS
PROBABLY
THAT
KIND OF
STORY.





...YOU
REALLY...
CUT IT...

WHY
ARE
YOU
HERE
...?

...I
NEED TO
TELL MY
SISTER...

SHE'LL
BE...
VERY
SUR-
PRISED.

...HAVE
TO
FIGHT
US.

IS IT
WRONG
FOR US
TO BE
HERE?

WHY?
THIS
IS THE
BUS TO
SCHOOL.



...I
HAVE
TO
ASK...

WHAT...
SHOULD
I DO...?

...
OTHER-
WISE...

UGH...

THAT'S
WHAT
JINJI
TOLD HER
CURRENT
GUARDIANS.

"...SO I
WANT
TO TRY
GOING TO
SCHOOL."

"I FOUND
SOMEONE
WHO
COULD
CUT MY
HAIR."

...
I'M...

...JOND
OF SCARED
NOW..

WILL I
MAKE
FRIENDS
...?
WILL I
BE
TEASED
...?

AND
TODAY
IS HER
FIRST
DAY OF
SCHOOL
...

I
BECAME
HER
CLASS-
MATE,
AS WE
WERE THE
SAME
AGE.

THINGS PRO-
GRESSED
FROM
THERE
WITH
BIZARRE
EASE.







I'M
NOTHING
SPECIAL,
BUT...

...I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO BEING
HERE...



*A distinctive backpack usually worn by Japanese elementary school students









AND THIS
PAIR OF
SCISSORS
WAS
PROBABLY
HIS
KILLING
TOOL.

MY
ANCESTOR
WAS A
MURDERER.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

...OH
YEAH.



MY
FATHER
ONCE
TOLD ME
SOME-
THING.

IN
THE
PAST...

AND I'VE
ALWAYS
REMEM-
BERED
IT.



BUT YOUR
"CRIME
EDGE"
ISN'T
LIKE
THAT.

I
THOUGHT
THE TOOLS
WERE
SOMETHING
MORE
TERRIFYING.



...
THAT'S
...

"TOOLS OF
MURDER
THAT
BLOOD-
THIRSTY
KILLERS
LEFT
BEHIND"...

"A CURSE
WHICH IS
ONLY
PASSED
DOWN TO
DIRECT
DESCEN-
DANTS."





IT
CAN'T
EVEN BE
GIVEN
OR
THROWN
AWAY.

IT
WILL
NOT
ROT
AWAY,
AND
IT
WILL
NOT
BREAK.

IT IS THE
END ONCE
SOMEONE
IS PICKED
AS AN
"AUTHOR."



IT
MAKES
POISON
CAUSE
MORE
PAIN
WITH A
SMALL-
ER
DOSE.

IT
MAKES
BLADES
CUT
THROUGH
FLESH
MORE
EASILY.

THE
"TOOLS"
BECOME
STRONGER
WITH EACH
PAST
MEMORY.



...IT
BRINGS
ABOUT A
FEELING
AND
DESIRE
TO
COMMIT
MURDER...

IT
QUIETLY
ROTS
AWAY
THE
AUTHOR'S
MIND...



... BUT
THE
ESSENCE
OF THE
CURSE
LIES
SOME-
WHERE
ELSE.

...BE AN
AUTHOR
OF A
KILLING
PODE...

...
THAT
HAI-
HAI-
HAI-
HAI...

YEAH

THAT'S
JUST A
BLUFF...





THAT POOR GIRL
...

BECAUSE
IF I
SAID
THAT,
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN

IT'S ALL
BECAUSE
YOU
NEVER
TOLD
US
HER
HAIR
WAS
OUT...

...
SHUT
UP,
PRO-
FESSOR.



YOU CAN
EASILY
DECIDE
TO END
SOMEONE'S
LIFE,
RIGHT?

YOU'RE
COLD
AND
HEART-
LESS.

AH,
BUT I
GUESS
YOU
WOULDN'T
CARE,
HOU.



LEAVE
ME
ALONE.



WHAT
SHOULD
...

HEY...

HEY?



ARE WE
DOING
IT,
SISTER
?

KILLING
HER?

NO...
PROF.

IF WE
ARE...
I'LL DO
MY
BEST.







YOU
ARE
LOOKING
QUITE
WELL.

...MY
DEAR
QUEEN.



...
WORKED
AS A
MILITARY
NURSE
FOR A
CERTAIN
COUNTRY.

...MY
ANCESTOR,
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
EARLY
MODERN
ERA...

...HUNT?



AND
GAVE
THEM
CERTAIN
DRUGS.

...SHE
SET HER
SIGHTS
ON
THOSE
WEAK-
BRED...

HIDING
BEHIND HER
REPUTATION
AS A
SPIRITED
NURSE...



YET IT
STILL WAS
ENOUGH
TO TAKE
ON A
CURSE.

SHE
WASN'T
A VERY
PROLIFIC
MURDERER
...

...MOST OF
THEM DID
NOT DIE,
AND ONLY
TWO
DEATHS
WERE
KNOWN
FOR SURE.



...PLEASE
STOP,
BYON-
ZAKA
...

...DON'T
SAY
THESE
THINGS...
LET'S
BE
FRIENDS
...





...OH...







DRIP...

7!!

...IWAI!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?
IWAI!

...
SHE'S
OKAY
...!

BUT
UNLESS
I FIND
OUT
WHAT
WAS
DONE TO
HER...

...
KI...

...
RI...

!

BEING
ALONE
MAKES
ME
UNEASY.

AH...
IT
MAKES
THIS
IMPULSE
RUN
WILD...

TELL
ME,
SISTER...

AN
URGE
TO KILL
RINGS
IN MY
HEAD...



I
WANT
TO
KILL...
YOU...



"THE
INJECTION
OF
ETERNAL
SLEEP."

...I
AM...



IS
THIS
PAIR
OF
SCIS-
SORS...
AM I...

AT
THE
SAME
TIME I
WON-
DERED.

THAT
WAS THE
MOMENT
I CAME
TO
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT IT
TRULY
MEANT.

THE
"CURSE"
OF THE
KILLING
TOOLS.

THE
SAME
...?

BECAUSE
IT WAS
LOVED BY
IWA!

IT WAS
GIVEN
A NAME.

...IS
DIFFER-
ENT.

THIS
PAIR OF
SCIS-
SORS...

...NO.

I AM
...

"THE
SEVERING
CRIME
EDGE."



ALTHOUGH WE WERE TWINS, SHE WAS SLOW. SHE WASN'T GOOD AT TALKING...

I... DISLIKED YAMANE.



SO... I NEVER NOTICED.

IT ANNOYED ME... AND I ALWAYS IGNORED HER.

NOT ABOUT THE TOOLS, NOT ABOUT HER BECOMING AN AUTHOR.

...DO YOU STILL ...
... DIS-LIKE HER?





**DON'T
POINT
THAT
NEEDLE
AT ME!**

cut03:
"Isolation Inhibitor"



**WHAT...
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!**

**WHY
DID YOU
DO THIS
TO
IWAI
...?**



HER
UNCUTTABLE
HAIR
IS A
SYMBOL
OF THAT.

SHE
IS A
DESCEN-
DANT OF
THE
"HAIR
QUEEN."

A
REWARD
...?

...I
GET A
REWARD.

IF I
KILL
HER...



...AND
WILL EVEN
BE ABLE
TO KILL
THE LOGIC
OF THIS
WORLD.

...WILL
BE ABLE
TO MAKE
ANY
WISH
COME
TRUE...

THE
KILLING
TOOL
THAT
MANAGES
TO KILL
HER...



WHAT
...?



IT'S
ALMOST
LIKE MY
SCISSORS

SO
IT'S AS
JINJI
SAID
BEFORE
?
SHE
REALLY
IS
CURSED
?



!

THERE'S
SOME-
THING

...
WRONG
WITH...

CLANG



KILLING
TOOLS
WILL
NEVER
BREAK.

EVEN
THROUGH
THE
NEEDLE
IS SO
THIN...

IT
WON'T
BREAK
...?!

...MY ABILITIES
ARE "DRUG
PENETRATION"
AND "DRUG
ENHANCE-
MENT."

OSH..



...AND
WILL BE
DOZENS
OF
TIMES
MORE
POTENT.

THE DRUG
WILL ENTER
YOUR
BLOOD-
STREAM
NO MATTER
WHERE IT'S
INJECTED





ADAM
DAD

PUT...



I...
I WAS
ALWAYS
...
...
ALWAYS
ALONE...

I WISH
SOMEONE
LISTENED.



I'M THE
ONE WHO
DID IT.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING?



...ONLY
TO WHAT
YOUR
SISTER
TELLS
YOU...



DON'T
LISTEN
TO
THOSE
VOICES.

JUST
BELIEVE
ME.

FORGET
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING.

YAMANE



...
HUM...



IT
WASN'T
YOU.

GRISH

GRISH



MY
SISTER
WAS
CRYING.

I'LL
LISTEN
TO
YOU...
AND BE
MORE...

I
WON'T
TROUBLE
YOU ANY-
MORE...

I'M
SORRY,
DEAR
SISTER.

I
WONDER
IF IT'S
MY
FAULT.



PLEASE
UNDER-
STAND.

...YAMUKE.

R R R R R

R R R R R







HAIMURA,
IT'S
MORNING.
♪ WAKE UP!



OH
BE
WATCHING
THIS

OH
I
DON'T
THINK I
SHOULD...







B-BUT...
..







ONE OF
THE CURSES
IS A SPECIAL
POWER GIVEN
TO THE
BELONGINGS
OF CERTAIN
MURDERERS.

SHE
LEFT TWO
CURSES.

WHAT
...??

THE
OTHER
BESTOWED
HER
UNCUTTABLE
HAIR UPON
HER
DESCEN-
DANTS.

WITH
THESE
TWO
CURSES...

YES.

IS
THIS
TRUE
...?

SHE IS
PLAYING
AN
ENDLESS
GAME OF
MURDER.

THERE'S
PLENTY
OF
EVIDENCE
IN
HISTOR-
ICAL
FACT AND
DATA.

IF THE
QUEEN IS
KILLED,
A WISH IS
GRANTED
...







...IT
BEGINS.

PROTECT
THE
QUEEN
FROM THE
AUTHORS
OF THESE
KILLING
TOOLS.

WE
SHOULD
CALL YOU
"THE
SEVERING
CRIME
EDGE,"
ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?



WE
WERE
ALL...

...WAITING
FOR
THIS
DAY.

AND
SLICE
UP ANY
ENEMIES
THAT
APPEAR
WITH
THOSE
SCISSORS.







...I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO
THINK...

...IT'S
JUST
SO
UNREAL
...

MAYBE
THAT'S
THE
RIGHT
THING
TO DO...

I
WISHED
SOMEONE
COULD COME
AND KILL ME
PAINLESS-
LY...

BEFORE
I MET YOU
KIRA, I
SOMETIMES
WISHED I
COULD DIE.

...
I...

BYON-
ZAKA
WAS
ANGRY
AT ME.

IF I
CAN HELP
SOMEONE
WITH MY
DEATH...

MAYBE
...
BEING
ALIVE
...

...
ISN'T
SUCH A
GOOD
THING...

PAT





*THEN
WHO*

...

...
*WOULD
I
CUT?*





cut04

I'M
IWA
MUSHANO-
KOJI.

IT'S THE
MIDDLE OF
MARCH
AND THIS
IS TOKUGA
PRIVATE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

IT WAS
NEARING
THE END
OF THE
SCHOOL
YEAR.

PROTAGONIST
主人公



HUH...

WE'RE
ALMOST
THIRD-
YEARS
NOW...

YEAH.

IT'S EASY
FOR US
SINCE
WE'RE
COMBINED
WITH THE
HIGH
SCHOOL...

WELL,
THAT'S
TRUE...



HOPE-
FULLY
WE'RE IN
THE SAME
CLASS
NEXT
YEAR.

HHAH

HHAH

WAHH

...I
JUST
BECAME
FRIENDS
WITH
IWAH

BUT
...



SO
THIS
IS A
NORMAL
SPRING...

OH.



YEAH.

LET'S
ALL GO
TOGETHER
IN APRIL!



THERE
ARE.

SOUNDS
LIKE A
PICNIC.



...THE
CHERRY
BLOS-
SOMS
WILL
BLOOM
SOON.

I
WONDER
IF
THERE
ARE ANY
NEARBY
...



MY
HAIR
DANCED
AROUND
...

...
IN THE
EARLY
SPRING
WIND...

...AND
IT WAS
VERY
LIGHT.



NAME

SEVERING CRIME EDGE

UNIT

KILLING TOOL

AUTHOR



! KIRI HAIMURA

ORIGINAL

UNDERGROUND NIGHTMARE
NORMA GRAYLAND

SKILL

! IGNORE MAGIC
PROTECTION

! ENHANCED
SCISSOR

! ????

! ????

TIPS

1. SEVERING CRIME EDGE
CAN BE USED TO
KILL ENEMIES
WHO ARE NOT
YOUR COMRADES

cut04:"Bell's Interval"





"THERE'S
AN
ESCAPED
CONVICT
ON THE
LOOSE."

THE
PROFESSOR
CALLED ME
IN THE
MORNING
TWO WEEKS
AGO.



WHY
DID YOU
CALL
ME?



...JUST
SOME
OF THE
THINGS I
WANTED
TO ASK,
BUT THE
PROBLEM

...
WHERE
DID YOU
GET MY
NUMBER

AND
...

...
WERE
...



...
WAS
THAT
IWAH
WAS IN
DANGER.



...AT
LEAST,
HE SAID
HE
SHOULD-
N'T
KNOW.

AND HE
DOESN'T
KNOW
WHERE
IWAI IS.

HIS
ESCAPE
WAS
HIDDEN
FROM
THE
NEWS.

THE
ESCAPEE
WAS THE
AUTHOR
OF A
HAMMER-
SHAPED
TOOL.



BUT I
HOPE HE'LL
COME, JUST
THE THOUGHT
MAKES
ME SO
EXCITED.

WELL, HE'S
OUTSIDE MY
JURISDICTION.

I'LL
HANG
UP!

FROM THE
MORNING

AND A
FIGHT
TO THE
DEATH...

HE
HE
HE
HE
HE



THE
AUTHOR OF
"THE
SEVERING
CRIME
EDGE."

MY NAME
IS KIRI
NAKURA.



...AND I
KEPT
THAT
URGE
INSIDE
ME MY
WHOLE
LIFE.

I LOVE
CUTTING
GIRLS'
HAIR.



MY
SCISSORS
WERE
SPECIAL
AND WERE
THE ONLY
PAIR THAT
COULD CUT
HER HAIR.

THEY
WAS
ALWAYS
ALONE.



THEN
ONE DAY,
I MET
A PERSON
WITH
UNCUT-
TABLE
HAIR.

IT IS A
CURSED
TOOL
USED
BY A
MURDER-
ER...

THE
AUTHORS
OF THESE
TOOLS ALL
CALL HER
"QUEEN"
AND TRY TO
KILL HER.

A
"KILLING
TOOL."



...TO
PROTECT
HER...

....I HAVE
TO FIGHT
WITH THIS
PAIR OF
SCISSORS.



...SCARY...

I SEE...
THE
PROFES-
SOR...



YEAH...

Y--

USED
TO...



LIKE
THE
BYGIN-
ZAKAS...

HE
WANTS...
TO KILL
ME AND
MAKE A
WISH...

THAT
PERSON...
HE'S THE
SAME
TOO.





LET ME
TAKE
AUDITIONS
OR
SOMETHING
INSTEAD.

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT
I DON'T
WANT TO
LIVE A
BORING
LIFE LIKE
THIS.

HUH...
THEN WHO'S
GOING TO
TAKE OVER
THE
STORE?

I DON'T
PLAN ON
BEING A
BEAU-
TICIAN.

WELL, I
GUESS
THIS IS A
LITTLE
FUN,
BUT...

YOU'RE
GOING TO
SHAVE OFF
ALL OF
HAMURA'S
AND
NARUTO'S
HAIR.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
KASHIKO.

WHAT SHOULD
I DO TOMORROW?

AND YOU
SAY A
GIRL'S
HAIR IS
HER
LIFE...!

WHAT
THE...
NIGHT!

IT'S NOT
ME, IT
JUST
DOESN'T
SUIT ME.

WAS A
HAIR
MODEL
OR
SOMETHING.

BUT!

DON'T
YOU
THINK
SO,
KASHIKO-
KUN...

after





THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN
SOMEONE
DOING
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS!

...
WOW!

THIS IS SO
COOL
...!

YOU
LOOK
GALLANT
...

...OR
MORE
DIGNI-
FIED...

IT
SEEMS...
DIFFERENT,
YOU IN
PERSON
AND YOU
IN THE
PICTURES...



...I'VE
NOT
REALLY
...

WHY ARE
YOU JUST
NOW
ADDING
THAT IN,
IWA...?

OH,
NO NO,
THAT
TOO!

BUT
NOT...
PRETTY
...?

OH,
NO...

I WAS
TRYING TO
SAY THAT
SHE'S A
COOL
BEAUTY OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...





NO
WAY
?!

OKAY,
YEAH!
I WON'T
BECOME A
BEAUTI-
TICIAN!



MY
HAIR'S
BEEN
CUT FOR
NOTHING...?

HUH...

STYLE
...

MAYBE
YOU CAN
USE THIS
OPPOR-
TUNITY
TO CHANGE
YOUR HAIR...

Gloom









OH...

MAYBE
HER
HAIR
GROWS
QUICKLY
...

DOES
SHE
HAVE AN
ILLNESS
OR
SOME-
THING?



I DON'T
REALLY
UNDERSTAND
IT, BUT...

Y-YEAH,
SHE DID
MENTION
THAT HER
HAIR
GROWS
QUICKLY!

A-AS
LONG AS
SHE
DOESN'T
KNOW IT
CAN'T BE
CUT, THEN...



...OH.

THAT'S
IT.

...?

I SEE...

SOUNDS...
AWFUL...

HUH?

OH,
AH,
MAYBE
...

MAYBE
SHE
HAS
TROU-
BLES
OF
HER
OWN...

...I
SEE.







BUT
TO BE
ASKED
ABOUT
IWA'S
HAIR...



I
GUESS IT
BOTHERS
HER...



...



KASHIKO'S
A FUN
PERSON!

I
USED TO
THINK OF
HER AS
BEING
SCARY.

OH...
YEAH...



KIRI.

THE
PEOPLE...

I'LL
KEEP
IT A
SECRET
FROM
IWA...

...
WELL.

DON'T
WANT TO
UPSET
HER
SPIRITS





...WAS
LEFT
EVEN
AFTER
CLEANING.

WHAT
LOOKED
LIKE THE
REMAINS

...

...OF
SOMEONE
THAT WAS
CRUSHED
BY A
GIANT
HAMMER...



THE
THREAT
...

...WAS
ALREADY
RIGHT
THERE.

CAN
YOU
DO
IT?



...I
DON'T
THINK
...

...
HE'LL
COME.



I'LL
LISTEN
TO MY
SISTER.

SAME
BUS
AGAIN

...
PLEASE
DON'T
STAB
ME.

THAT
MAN IS
JUST
KILLING
FOR THE
SAKE OF
KILLING.



"THE
SLEDGE-
HAMMER
OF
COLLUSING
DISINTE-
GRATION."



...DO
YOU
MEAN
THE
ESCAPED
CONVICT?
YESTER-
DAY'S
BLOODY
SPEC-
TACLE IN
THE CITY
WAS
CAUSED
BY HIM?

...THE
TOOLS
HAVE
TURNED
HIM
INTO A
HUNK OF
A MAN...

NAME

— (NOT A TOOL)

cut05: "Through the Storm"

UNIT

HAIR QUEEN

AUTHOR



! IWAI MUSHANOKOUJI

! ORIGINAL

"HAIR QUEEN" ZEWULFA

SKILL

! MAGIC PROTECTION



TIPS

! ?????

! ?????

! ?????



IF ONLY
THERE WERE
SOMEONE
WILLING TO
TAKE ON HIS
KILLING URGES
INSTEAD.

...THE
PROFES-
SOR
SHOWED
ME A
LONG
TIME AGO.

...THE
DAMAGE
TO HIS
MIND
BROKE
HIM AS A
PERSON.

I THINK
THAT
WITHOUT
MY SISTER,
I WOULD'VE
BECOME
JUST LIKE
HIM.

I'M
A BIT...
RE-
LIEVED

BYE,
KIRI...
I'LL SEE
YOU...
TOMOR-
ROW...

...I
SEE.

...THAT'S
WHY I
DON'T
THINK HE
HAS THE
MINDSET
TO GO
AFTER
THE QUEEN.

24





AH...



...
EVEN
THEN.

YOU
NEED
TO BE
PREPARED
FOR THE
WORST.



...
HURTING
PEOPLE
NOW,
RIGHT?

...
YOU'RE
USED
TO...

PSSH...

AH...



HUH
?!



CRASH























THE MOST
OF ANY
SERIAL
KILLER IN
HISTORY.

HE
KILLED...
OVER
200
PEOPLE.

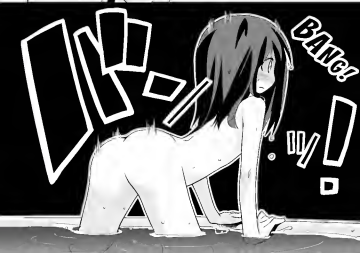
PEOPLE
TALKED
OF HIM
AS A
GREAT
EVIL WHO
CAUSED
MUCH
TERROR

...



"THE
GREAT-
EST
MURDER-
ER"

...







...IT'S
LIKE
IT'S
ENVELOP-
ING HER
BODY.

A
MID-
NIGHT
SPELL.

CINDER-
ELLA.



IT'S
THE
FIRST
TIME
I'VE
SEEN IT,
TOO...

I... I'M
ALWAYS
ASLEEP BY
THIS
TIME...

WOW

...IT
GROWS
LIKE
THIS?



PLEASE?
CAN I?

YEAH,
BUT I
JUST
GOT
THE
URGE
TO...

W-WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?
DO IT
LATER!

DON'T
LOOK

...IT
MADE
ME
WANT
TO
TEASE
HER...

...SHE
HELD
ONTO ME
AND
SHOOK
LIKE A
SCARED
PUPPY.

N-
NO!
IDIOT!

PER-
VERT!

...HEY,
CAN I
CUT
YOUR
HAIR?

HUH?
?

EVEN
HER
INSULTS
FELT
GOOD.

I WANT
TO KEEP
HER TO
MYSELF.

I
WON'T LET
ANYONE
TAKE HER
AWAY
FROM ME.



OUR
SWEET
RELATION-
SHIP.

THIS
LOVELY
FEELING.



...OH...



IT
ALL
MAKES
ME SO
EXCITED
...

A
GIRLS
WANTED
HERE

NO!

February

THIS COPY IS OF
THE
OF THE
OF THE
OF THE

I GUESS
GETTING
MY HAIR
CLIP
WOULDN'T
BE SO
BAD..



100

4953

NOT
"WHAT?"
GET
OUT!

WHAT

CLOSE
YOUR
EYES!
TURN
AROUND
AND GET
OUT!



HURRY
... PUT
SOME
CLO-
THING
ON.

...I WAI.

HUH?

JUST
DO
IT.

QUICKLY!

OKAY...

O--













THE
LOSS OF
RIGIDITY
IN AN
OBJECT...

THE
SPECIAL
ABILITIES
OF EACH
TOOL...



...
EWAI
...

.....



SO THAT'S
WHY IT'S
CALLED
"CRUSH-
ING
DISINTE-
GRATION"

...



IN
THE
DARK
...

SHE
CONTINUED
TO SHAKE,
SILENTLY.



RRR/46 //

cut06: "Lights, Camera, Action"





YOU'RE
THERE,
WITH
THE
QUEEN.

...I FEEL
RELIEVED,
SEVERING
CRIME
EDGE.



THE
MURDERER
IS
ALREADY
HERE...

...YOUR
SISTER
LIED
TO ME.



... BUT
LISTEN
TO ME.

PRO-
TECT
THE
GIRLS..



YAMANE
SAID
SOME-
THING
WRONG.
AND
I'M
SORRY
FOR
THAT.



I'LL
APOLO-
GIZE.





I...
DRAGGED
YOU
INTO
THIS...

I'M
SORRY,
KIRI
...

SORRY
...



...NO.



...IS
BY MY
OWN
CHOICE.

THAT
I AM
HERE
TODAY
...



...THE
EXTENT
OF
WHAT
HAMMURA
CAN
DO.



THIS IS
SOME-
THING
TO
WATCH.



HE'LL
PROTECT
HER.



TO AN
"ENEMY"
...

SO
...

LOSING
ONE IS
LIKE
LOSING
YOUR-
SELF.

AN
INSTEAD
IS AN
AUTHOR'S
OTHER
HALF.



SNIP



SNIP



SNIP



SNIP



**SLICE
HIM
LIKE A
HEART-
BEAT.**

**A
SPIRIT
THAT
ISN'T
AFRAID
OF ANY-
THING.**

**I WANT
A HEART
LIKE
STEEL
SCISSORS.**



FOR
ALL
THAT
...



THE
STRENGTH
TO
PROTECT
THIS GIRL.



FOR
THAT
...



I'LL BECOME A MURDERER.





...HUUH.

I
AVOIDED
IT.

THAT'S
WEIRD.

IT
SHOULD'VE
ENDED
THERE.



WHY...



I
WONDER
WHY...





THUD

OH.

I'M
NOT
SCARED.



...A
BABY
SWINGING
ITS
ARMS
AROUND.

HE
LOOKS
JUST
LIKE...





...I'LL
CUT THE
TENDONS
OF YOUR
HAND
NEXT.



OR
ELSE
YOU
WILL BE
MY
ENEMY.

GIVE
UP ON
THE
QUEEN.



KI...

...RI
...?



...IN MY
VEINS
FLOWS
THE
BLOOD
OF THE
WORST.













///

I'M
SANE,
I WAI!

DON'T
WORRY.





HAH.

SO
YOU
DIDN'T
FINISH
HIM
OFF.

UGH

WELL, I
GUESS
THAT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH.

HEAVY





...
REALLY
IS A
CURSED
TOOL...

...SO
THIS
...



HE
COULDN'T
WIELD
HIS
HAMMER,
SO HE
RAN.

PROBABLY
BECAUSE
THE
TOOLS
STARTED
TO
LOSE
CONTROL...



DID YOU
FALL IN
LOVE
WITH ITS
EVIL
POWER?

DO YOU
FINALLY
FEEL
IT,
NOW?



THIS
GUY...

HAVING
FUN



YOU
DIDN'T
EVEN
HELP
ME!

GO
BACK
HOME!

I WANTED
TO SEE
THAT
CHANCE

BUT....



"EVIL
POWER,"
EH?

I WAS
ABLE TO
PROTECT
HER
THANKS
TO IT.

KIRI.

IT'S
OKAY.

...OH,
BUT THE
BLOOD
...

IT'S
ALL
DISHEV-
ELED.

CUT IT,
CUT IT.
CUT MY
HAIR.

THIS
BLOOD IS
PROBABLY
AN ORDER
OF MERIT.

I
DON'T
THINK
I CAN
DENY
IT.



KID,
YOU WERE
WAY MORE
LIKE
A VILLAIN
EARLIER!

IWA!...
YOU
SOUND
LIKE A
VILLAIN.

...
ANOTHER
PERSON
THAN CUT
MY
HAIR?

...OR
WOULD
YOU
RATHER
CUT...

IT
REALLY
IS
AN
EVIL
POWER.

WELL...
IT WAS
A LIFE
OR
DEATH
SITU-
ATION...

...THEN
I WILL
CHOOSE
TO BE
EVIL.

BUT
IF SHE
WILL
ACCEPT
IT...

YES.

THIS
IS A
STORY
OF A
CURSE.



NOT
BREAKING
DOWN IN
ENGLISH

...



...
OR
GIVING
UP.





*WE
JUST*

...

...
*PLAY
THE
AWKWARD
PARTS*

...

...
*OF A
WARPED
MURDERER
AND AN
INNOCENT
QUEEN.*



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